

OSDH Training Resources and Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Nursing Homes

Important Information for Nursing Homes

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(Webpage links are in red lettering)

Greetings,

The Health Department is aware multiple communications are being sent regarding COVID 19. On March 4, 2019, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced several actions aimed at limiting the spread of COVID – 19. Their press release was released via multiple distribution networks. CMS issued a call to action to health care providers to ensure they are implementing their infection control procedures. Additionally, CMS announced, effective immediately and, until further notice, State Survey Agencies will focus their facility inspections exclusively on issues related to immediate jeopardy, infection control, recertification, and other serious health and safety threats. The press release is linked here:

CMS Announces Actions to Address Spread of Coronavirus

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-actions-address-spread-coronavirus>

The Department of Health would like to emphasize the links below, which include the infection control regulation and other important training resources not identified in the CMS memo.

Nursing Home Infection Control Federal Regulations:

Infection Control and Prevention regulations and guidance: 42 CFR 483.80, Appendix PP of the State Operations Manual. See F-tag 880:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/ProviderEnrollment-and-Certification/GuidanceforLawsAndRegulations/Downloads/AppendixPP-State-Operations-Manual.pdf>

Training links

CDC LEARN - https://www.train.org/cdctrain/training_plan/3814

Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training Course (You will need to create an account and register for the course)

QSEP - <https://qsep.cms.gov/welcome.aspx> (enter as "I am a Provider")

- Universal Infection Prevention and Control
- Infection Control Self-Assessment Worksheet

CMS (Materials to train staff)

- Head to Toe Infection Prevention Toolkit - for bedside licensed nurses and nurse aides (click the link below, scroll down to Downloads to download the files.)

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/LTC-CMP-Reinvestment>

CMS Medicare Learning Network (You will need to create an account)

<https://learner.mlnlms.com/Default.aspx>

- Course: Infection Prevention and Control: Hand Hygiene

Learn about:

Methods and recommendations

Recognizing opportunities for correct hand hygiene

- Course: Infection Prevention and Control: Environmental Safety

Learn about:

Categories of environmental surfaces

Differentiating between types of disinfection and cleaning

Regulations, procedures, and policies for environmental cleaning

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